

**SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE PLATE****REVISIONS**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**This act modifies the Motor Vehicle Code by recodifying and amending the special group license plates provisions. The act establishes categories for special group license plates.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

**AMENDS:**

**41-1a-102**, as last amended by Chapter 244, Laws of Utah 2000

**41-1a-215**, as last amended by Chapter 238, Laws of Utah 1999

**41-1a-402**, as last amended by Chapter 111, Laws of Utah 2002

**41-1a-414**, as last amended by Chapter 98, Laws of Utah 1999

**41-1a-1201**, as last amended by Chapter 345, Laws of Utah 2001

**41-1a-1209**, as last amended by Chapter 222, Laws of Utah 1993

**41-1a-1211 (Effective 10/01/02)**, as last amended by Chapter 223, Laws of Utah 2002

**71-8-4**, as last amended by Chapter 134, Laws of Utah 2000

**41-1a-1218**, as enacted by Chapter 59, Laws of Utah 1994

**ENACTS:**

**41-1a-418**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**41-1a-419**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**41-1a-420**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**41-1a-421**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**41-1a-422**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**REPEALS:**

**41-1a-226**, as last amended by Chapter 217, Laws of Utah 1999

**41-1a-408 (Effective 10/01/02)**, as last amended by Chapters 223 and 274, Laws of Utah  
2002

**41-1a-409**, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 1 and last amended by Chapters 174  
and 218, Laws of Utah 1992

**41-1a-417**, as last amended by Chapter 211, Laws of Utah 1999

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-1a-102** is amended to read:

**41-1a-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Actual miles" means the actual distance a vehicle has traveled while in operation.

(2) "Actual weight" means the actual unladen weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles as operated and certified to by a weighmaster.

(3) "Affidavit of Mobile Home Affixture" means the affidavit of affixture described in Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 6, Mobile Homes.

(4) "All-terrain type I vehicle" has the same meaning provided in Section 41-22-2.

(5) "All-terrain type II vehicle" has the same meaning provided in Section 41-22-2.

(6) "Amateur radio operator" means any person licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to engage in private and experimental two-way radio operation on the amateur band radio frequencies.

(7) "Branded title" means a title certificate that is labeled:

(a) rebuilt and restored to operation;

(b) flooded and restored to operation; or

(c) not restored to operation.

(8) "Camper" means any structure designed, used, and maintained primarily to be mounted on or affixed to a motor vehicle that contains a floor and is designed to provide a mobile dwelling, sleeping place, commercial space, or facilities for human habitation or for camping.

(9) "Certificate of title" means a document issued by a jurisdiction to establish a record of ownership between an identified owner and the described vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor.

(10) "Certified scale weigh ticket" means a weigh ticket that has been issued by a weighmaster.

(11) "Commercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property that operates:

(a) as a carrier for hire, compensation, or profit; or

(b) as a carrier to transport the vehicle owner's goods or property in furtherance of the owner's commercial enterprise.

(12) "Commission" means the State Tax Commission.

(13) "Dealer" means a person engaged or licensed to engage in the business of buying,

63 selling, or exchanging new or used vehicles, vessels, or outboard motors either outright or on  
64 conditional sale, bailment, lease, chattel mortgage, or otherwise or who has an established place  
65 of business for the sale, lease, trade, or display of vehicles, vessels, or outboard motors.

66 (14) "Division" means the Motor Vehicle Division of the commission, created in Section  
67 41-1a-106.

68 (15) "Essential parts" means all integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type required to  
69 be registered in this state, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal  
70 the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

71 (16) "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm  
72 implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry.

73 (17) (a) "Farm truck" means a truck used by the owner or operator of a farm solely for his  
74 own use in the transportation of:

75 (i) farm products, including livestock and its products, poultry and its products,  
76 floricultural and horticultural products;

77 (ii) farm supplies, including tile, fence, and every other thing or commodity used in  
78 agricultural, floricultural, horticultural, livestock, and poultry production; and

79 (iii) livestock, poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, or other  
80 purposes connected with the operation of a farm.

81 (b) "Farm truck" does not include the operation of trucks by commercial processors of  
82 agricultural products.

83 (18) "Fleet" means one or more commercial vehicles.

84 (19) "Foreign vehicle" means a vehicle of a type required to be registered, brought into this  
85 state from another state, territory, or country other than in the ordinary course of business by or  
86 through a manufacturer or dealer, and not registered in this state.

87 (20) "Gross laden weight" means the actual weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
88 equipped for operation, to which shall be added the maximum load to be carried.

89 (21) "Highway" or "street" means the entire width between property lines of every way or  
90 place of whatever nature when any part of it is open to the public, as a matter of right, for purposes  
91 of vehicular traffic.

92 (22) (a) "Identification number" means the identifying number assigned by the  
93 manufacturer or by the division for the purpose of identifying the vehicle, vessel, or outboard

94 motor.

95 (b) "Identification number" includes a vehicle identification number, state assigned  
96 identification number, hull identification number, and motor serial number.

97 (23) "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed or adapted and used  
98 exclusively for an agricultural operation and only incidentally operated or moved upon the  
99 highways.

100 (24) (a) "In-state miles" means the total number of miles operated in this state during the  
101 preceding year by fleet power units.

102 (b) If fleets are composed entirely of trailers or semitrailers, "in-state miles" means the  
103 total number of miles that those vehicles were towed on Utah highways during the preceding year.

104 (25) "Interstate vehicle" means any commercial vehicle operated in more than one state,  
105 province, territory, or possession of the United States or foreign country.

106 (26) "Jurisdiction" means a state, district, province, political subdivision, territory, or  
107 possession of the United States or any foreign country.

108 (27) "Lienholder" means a person with a security interest in particular property.

109 (28) "Manufactured home" means a transportable factory built housing unit constructed  
110 on or after June 15, 1976, according to the Federal Home Construction and Safety Standards Act  
111 of 1974 (HUD Code), in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or  
112 more in width or 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 400 or more square  
113 feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or  
114 without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the  
115 plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems.

116 (29) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of constructing,  
117 manufacturing, assembling, producing, or importing new or unused vehicles, vessels, or outboard  
118 motors for the purpose of sale or trade.

119 (30) "Mobile home" means a transportable factory built housing unit built prior to June  
120 15, 1976, in accordance with a state mobile home code which existed prior to the Federal  
121 Manufactured Housing and Safety Standards Act (HUD Code).

122 (31) "Motorboat" has the same meaning as provided in Section 73-18-2.

123 (32) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and  
124 designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

(33) (a) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle intended primarily for use and operation on the highways.

(b) "Motor vehicle" does not include an off-highway vehicle.

(34) (a) "Nonresident" means a person who is not a resident of this state as defined by Section 41-1a-202, and who does not engage in intrastate business within this state and does not operate in that business any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer within this state.

(b) A person who engages in intrastate business within this state and operates in that business any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer in this state or who, even though engaging in interstate commerce, maintains any vehicle in this state as the home station of that vehicle is considered a resident of this state, insofar as that vehicle is concerned in administering this chapter.

(35) "Odometer" means a device for measuring and recording the actual distance a vehicle travels while in operation, but does not include any auxiliary odometer designed to be periodically reset.

(36) "Off-highway implement of husbandry" has the same meaning as provided in Section 41-22-2.

(37) "Off-highway vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in Section 41-22-2.

(38) "Operate" means to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle or to navigate a vessel.

(39) "Outboard motor" means a detachable self-contained propulsion unit, excluding fuel supply, used to propel a vessel.

(40) (a) "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, holding title to a vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor whether or not the vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor is subject to a security interest.

(b) If a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or installment sale or mortgage of the vehicle with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or mortgagor, or if the vehicle is the subject of a security agreement, then the conditional vendee, mortgagor, or debtor is considered the owner for the purposes of this chapter.

(c) If a vehicle is the subject of an agreement to lease, the lessor is considered the owner until the lessee exercises his option to purchase the vehicle.

(41) "Personalized license plate" means a license plate that has displayed on it a

combination of letters, numbers, or both as requested by the owner of the vehicle and assigned to the vehicle by the division.

(42) (a) "Pickup truck" means a two-axle motor vehicle with motive power manufactured, remanufactured, or materially altered to provide an open cargo area.

(b) "Pickup truck" includes motor vehicles with the open cargo area covered with a camper, camper shell, tarp, removable top, or similar structure.

(43) "Pneumatic tire" means every tire in which compressed air is designed to support the load.

(44) "Preceding year" means a period of 12 consecutive months fixed by the division that is within 16 months immediately preceding the commencement of the registration or license year in which proportional registration is sought. The division in fixing the period shall conform it to the terms, conditions, and requirements of any applicable agreement or arrangement for the proportional registration of vehicles.

(45) "Public garage" means every building or other place where vehicles or vessels are kept and stored and where a charge is made for the storage and keeping of vehicles and vessels.

(46) "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered in this state that is materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

(47) "Recreational vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in Section 13-14-102.

(48) "Registration" means a document issued by a jurisdiction that allows operation of a vehicle or vessel on the highways or waters of this state for the time period for which the registration is valid and that is evidence of compliance with the registration requirements of the jurisdiction.

(49) (a) "Registration year" means a 12 consecutive month period commencing with the completion of all applicable registration criteria.

(b) For administration of a multistate agreement for proportional registration the division may prescribe a different 12-month period.

(50) "Repair or replacement" means the restoration of vehicles, vessels, or outboard motors to a sound working condition by substituting any inoperative part of the vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor, or by correcting the inoperative part.

(51) "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other

vehicles and constructed so it does not carry any load either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load that is drawn.

(52) "Sailboat" has the same meaning as provided in Section 73-18-2.

(53) "Security interest" means an interest that is reserved or created by a security agreement to secure the payment or performance of an obligation and that is valid against third parties.

(54) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and constructed so that some part of its weight and its load rests or is carried by another vehicle.

(55) "Special group license plate" means a type of license plate designed for a particular group of people or a license plate authorized and issued by the division in accordance with ~~[Section 41-1a-408]~~ Sections 41-1a-418 through 41-1a-422.

(56)(a) "Special interest vehicle" means a vehicle used for general transportation purposes and that is:

(i) 20 years or older from the current year; or

(ii) a make or model of motor vehicle recognized by the division director as having unique interest or historic value.

(b) In making his determination under Subsection (56)(a), the division director shall give special consideration to:

(i) a make of motor vehicle that is no longer manufactured;

(ii) a make or model of motor vehicle produced in limited or token quantities;

(iii) a make or model of motor vehicle produced as an experimental vehicle or one designed exclusively for educational purposes or museum display; or

(iv) a motor vehicle of any age or make that has not been substantially altered or modified from original specifications of the manufacturer and because of its significance is being collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or operated by a collector or hobbyist as a leisure pursuit.

(57) (a) "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle:

(i) not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property;

(ii) not designed to operate in traffic; and

(iii) only incidentally operated or moved over the highways.

(b) "Special mobile equipment" includes:

- 218 (i) farm tractors;
- 219 (ii) off-road motorized construction or maintenance equipment including backhoes,
- 220 bulldozers, compactors, graders, loaders, road rollers, tractors, and trenchers; and
- 221 (iii) ditch-digging apparatus.
- 222 (c) "Special mobile equipment" does not include a commercial vehicle as defined under
- 223 Section 72-9-102.
- 224 (58) "Specially constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered
- 225 in this state, not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a
- 226 generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles, and not materially altered from its original
- 227 construction.
- 228 (59) "Title" means the right to or ownership of a vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor.
- 229 (60) (a) "Total fleet miles" means the total number of miles operated in all jurisdictions
- 230 during the preceding year by power units.
- 231 (b) If fleets are composed entirely of trailers or semitrailers, "total fleet miles" means the
- 232 number of miles that those vehicles were towed on the highways of all jurisdictions during the
- 233 preceding year.
- 234 (61) "Trailer" means a vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or
- 235 property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and constructed so that no part of its weight rests
- 236 upon the towing vehicle.
- 237 (62) "Transferee" means a person to whom the ownership of property is conveyed by sale,
- 238 gift, or any other means except by the creation of a security interest.
- 239 (63) "Transferor" means a person who transfers his ownership in property by sale, gift, or
- 240 any other means except by creation of a security interest.
- 241 (64) "Travel trailer," "camping trailer," or "fifth wheel trailer" means a portable vehicle
- 242 without motive power, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use
- 243 that does not require a special highway movement permit when drawn by a self-propelled motor
- 244 vehicle.
- 245 (65) "Truck tractor" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other
- 246 vehicles and not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load
- 247 that is drawn.
- 248 (66) "Vehicle" includes a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, off-highway vehicle,



manufactured home, and mobile home.

(67) "Vessel" has the same meaning as provided in Section 73-18-2.

(68) "Vintage vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in Section 41-21-1.

(69) "Waters of this state" has the same meaning as provided in Section 73-18-2.

(70) "Weighmaster" means a person, association of persons, or corporation permitted to weigh vehicles under this chapter.

Section 2. Section **41-1a-215** is amended to read:

**41-1a-215. Staggered registration dates -- Exceptions.**

(1) (a) Except under Subsections (2) and (3), every vehicle registration, every registration card, and every registration plate issued under this chapter for the first registration of the vehicle in this state, continues in effect for a period of 12 months beginning with the first day of the calendar month of registration and does not expire until the last day of the same month in the following year.

(b) If the last day of the registration period falls on a day in which the appropriate state or county offices are not open for business, the registration of the vehicle is extended to midnight of the next business day.

(2) The provisions of Subsection (1) do not apply to the following:

(a) registration issued to government vehicles under Section 41-1a-221;

(b) registration issued to apportioned vehicles under Section 41-1a-301;

(c) multiyear registration issued under Section 41-1a-222;

(d) lifetime trailer registration issued under Section 41-1a-1206;

(e) partial year registration issued under Section 41-1a-1207;

(f) vintage vehicle registration issued under Section ~~41-1a-226~~ 41-1a-419; or

(g) plates issued to a dealer, dismantler, manufacturer, remanufacturer, and transporter under Title 41, Chapter 3, Part 5, Special Dealer License Plates.

(3) Upon application of the owner or lessee of a fleet of commercial vehicles not apportioned under Section 41-1a-301 and required to be registered in this state, the State Tax Commission may permit the vehicles to be registered for a registration period commencing on the first day of March, June, September, or December of any year and expiring on the last day of March, June, September, or December in the following year.

(4) When the expiration of a registration plate is extended by affixing a registration decal

to it, the expiration of the decal governs the expiration date of the plate.

Section 3. Section **41-1a-402** is amended to read:

**41-1a-402. Required colors, numerals, and letters -- Expiration.**

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3) and in Section 41-1a-407, each license plate shall be in colors selected by the commission and shall have displayed on it:

~~[(a)]~~ (i) the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued;

~~[(b)]~~ (ii) the name of the state;

~~[(c)]~~ (iii) a registration decal showing the date of expiration; and

~~[(d)]~~ (iv) a slogan determined as provided in Section 41-1a-405.

(b) A special group license plate issued under Section 41-1a-418 is exempt from the slogan requirement under Subsection (1)(a)(iv).

(2) If registration is extended by affixing a registration decal to the license plate, the expiration date of the decal governs the expiration date of the license plate.

(3) Each original license plate that is not one of the special group license plates issued under Section ~~[41-1a-408]~~ 41-1a-418 shall be a:

(a) statehood centennial license plate with the same color, design, and slogan as the plates issued in conjunction with the statehood centennial; or

(b) Ski Utah license plate.

Section 4. Section **41-1a-414** is amended to read:

**41-1a-414. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities.**

(1) As used in this section, "accessible parking space" means a parking space that is clearly identified as reserved for use by a person with a disability and includes:

(a) vertical signage, including the international symbol of accessibility, that is visible from a passing vehicle; and

(b) a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space.

(2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, a person with a disability, qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section ~~[41-1a-408]~~ 41-1a-420, may park an appropriately marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered parking zones and restricted parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the vehicle by the person with a disability.

(3) Only those vehicles carrying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard and transporting a qualifying person with a disability may park in an accessible parking space.

(4) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private property that is used or intended for use by the public.

(5) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles displaying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard issued by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle being used by a person with a disability.

Section 5. Section **41-1a-418** is enacted to read:

**41-1a-418. Authorized Special Group License Plates.**

(1) The division shall only issue special group license plates in accordance with Sections 41-1a-418 through 41-1a-422 to a person who is specified under this section within the categories listed as follows:

(a) disability special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;

(b) honor special group license plates, as in a war hero, which plates are issued for a:

(i) survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor;

(ii) former prisoner of war; or

(iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

(c) unique vehicle type special group license plates, as for historical, collectors value, or other unique vehicle type which plates are issued for the purpose of:

(i) licensing a special interest vehicle;

(ii) licensing a vintage vehicle;

(iii) registering a farm truck; or

(iv) licensing a vehicle powered by clean fuel and for which a current clean special fuel certificate is maintained as provided in Section 59-13-304;

(d) recognition special group license plates, as in a public official or an emergency service giver, which plates are issued for a:

(i) current member of the Legislature;

(ii) current member of the United States Congress;

(iii) current member of the National Guard;

- (iv) licensed amateur radio operator;
- (v) currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter;
- (vi) emergency medical technician; or
- (vii) current member of a search and rescue team; and
- (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,  
which plates are issued for a contributor to:
- (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
- (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- (iii) the Office of Veterans' Affairs;
- (iv) the Division of Parks and Recreation;
- (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- (vii) the Boy Scouts of America; or
- (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah.
- (2) (a) An organization that makes a significant contribution to the state may request the  
commission to authorize special group license plates for the organization if the organization  
collects a minimum of 500 applications with the fees required under Section 41-1a-1211.
- (b) If the commission approves the request, the division shall design a license plate in  
accordance with Section 41-1a-419.
- (c) If the commission rejects the request, the organization shall refund all fees to the  
applicants.
- Section 6. Section **41-1a-419** is enacted to read:
- 41-1a-419. Plate design -- Vintage vehicle certification and registration --**  
**Personalized special group license plates -- Rulemaking.**
- (1) (a) The design and maximum number of numerals or characters on special group  
license plates shall be determined by the division in accordance with the requirements under  
Subsection (1)(b).
- (b) Each special group license plate shall display:
- (i) the word Utah;
- (ii) the name or identifying slogan of the special group;
- (iii) a symbol decal not exceeding two positions in size representing the special group; and

(iv) the combination of letters, numbers, or both uniquely identifying the registered vehicle.

(2)(a) The division shall, after consultation with a representative designated by the special group, specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol decal to be displayed upon the special group license plates.

(b) A special group license plate may not be redesigned under this section more frequently than every five years.

(3)(a) The license plates issued for horseless carriages prior to July 1, 1992, are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is owned by the registered owner and may not be recalled by the division.

(b) The owner of a vintage vehicle applying for registration under this chapter shall provide a signed statement certifying that the vintage vehicle:

(i) is owned and operated for the purposes enumerated in Section 41-21-1; and

(ii) has been inspected and found safe to operate on the highways of this state.

(c) The registration certificate issued under this chapter need not specify the weight of the vintage vehicle.

(d) An annual renewal of registration is not required for a vintage vehicle but registration information for vintage vehicle special group license plates must be updated every five years.

(4) A person who meets the criteria established under this part for issuance of special group license plates may make application in the same manner provided in Sections 41-1a-410 and 41-1a-411 for personalized special group license plates.

(5) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

(a) establish qualifying criteria for persons to receive, renew, or surrender special group license plates; and

(b) establish the maximum number of numerals or characters for special group license plates.

Section 7. Section **41-1a-420** is enacted to read:

**41-1a-420. Disability special group license plates -- Application and qualifications -- Rulemaking.**

(1) The division shall issue a disability special group license plate, temporary removable

windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard to:

(a) a qualifying person with a disability; or

(b) the registered owner of a vehicle that an organization uses primarily for the transportation of persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk.

(2) (a) The initial application of a person with a disability shall be accompanied by the certification of a licensed physician:

(i) that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk as defined in the federal Uniform System for Parking for Persons with Disabilities, 23 C.F.R. Ch. 11, Subch. B, Pt. 1235.2 (1991); and

(ii) containing the period of time that the physician determines the applicant will have the disability, not to exceed six months in the case of a temporary disability.

(b) The division shall issue a person with a disability special group license plate or a removable windshield placard to a person with a permanent disability.

(c) The issuance of a person with a disability special group license plate does not preclude the issuance to the same applicant of a removable windshield placard.

(d) On request of an applicant, the division shall issue one additional placard to a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard.

(3) The temporary removable windshield placard or removable windshield placard shall be hung from the front windshield rearview mirror when the vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities so that it is visible from the front and rear of the vehicle.

(4) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

(a) establish qualifying criteria for persons to receive, renew, or surrender special group license plates, a temporary removable windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard in accordance with this section;

(b) establish the maximum number of numerals or characters for disability special group license plates; and

(c) require all temporary removable windshield placards and removable windshield placards to include:

(i) an identification number;

(ii) an expiration date not to exceed six months for a temporary removable windshield placard and two years for a removable windshield placard; and

(iii) the seal or other identifying mark of the division.

Section 8. Section **41-1a-421** is enacted to read:

**41-1a-421. Honor special group license plates -- Personal identity requirements.**

(1) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (1) apply to a vehicle displaying a:

(i) survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor license plate;

(ii) former prisoner of war license plate; or

(iii) Purple Heart license plate.

(b) The vehicle shall be titled in the name of the veteran or the veteran and spouse.

(c) Upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse may, upon application to the division, retain the special group license plate decal so long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried.

(d) The division shall require the surviving spouse to make a sworn statement that the surviving spouse is unmarried before renewing the registration under this section.

(2) Proper evidence of a Purple Heart is either:

(a) a membership card in the Military Order of the Purple Heart; or

(b) an original or certificate in lieu of the applicant's military discharge form, DD-214, issued by the National Personnel Records Center.

(3) The Purple Heart license plates shall bear:

(a) the words "Purple Heart" at the bottom of the plate;

(b) a logo substantially depicting a Purple Heart award; and

(c) the letter and number combinations assigned by the division.

Section 9. Section **41-1a-422** is enacted to read:

**41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary contribution collection procedures.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$25 has been donated to:

(i) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution;

(ii) the Division of Veterans' Affairs in the Utah National Guard for veterans' programs;

(iii) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Wildlife Resources Account created in Section 23-14-13, for conservation of wildlife and the enhancement, preservation, protection, access, and management of wildlife habitat;

(iv) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of soil conservation districts;

(v) the Division of Parks and Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

(vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah, with the donation evenly divided between the two;

(vii) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America council as specified by the contributor; or

(viii) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals.

(b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section 53B-3-103 or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(2) (a) An applicant for original or renewal collegiate special group license plates must be a contributor to the institution named in the application and present the original contribution verification form or make a contribution to the division at the time of application.

(b) An institution with a support special group license plate shall issue to a contributor a verification form designed by the commission containing:

(i) the name of the contributor;

(ii) the institution to which a donation was made;

(iii) the date of the donation; and

(iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

(c) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the moneys collected by the institutions from contributors are used for scholastic scholarships.

(d) After an applicant has been issued collegiate license plates or renewal decals, the commission shall charge the institution whose plate was issued, a fee determined in accordance with Section 63-38-3.2 for management and administrative expenses incurred in issuing and renewing the collegiate license plates.

(e) If the contribution is made at the time of application, the contribution shall be collected, treated, and deposited as provided under Subsection (3).



(3) (a) An applicant for original or renewal a license plate under this section must be an annual contributor to the entity or named institution associated with the license plate.

(b) This contribution shall be:

(i) collected by the division;

(ii) treated as a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under this section and not as a motor vehicle registration fee; and

(iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated with issuing the license plates.

(c) Except as provided under Subsection (3)(d), the donation described in Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to registration or renewal of registration.

(d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to the division when issuing original:

(i) veterans' license plates;

(ii) snowmobile license plates; or

(iii) soil conservation license plates.

(4) (a) The division may issue original license plates under this section if a one-time contribution of at least \$6,000 is provided to the division to cover startup materials and programming costs.

(b) The contribution may be from:

(i) the entity or entities associated with the license plates;

(ii) appropriations made by the legislature; or

(iii) other public and private sources.

(5) Veterans' license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion.

Section 10. Section **41-1a-1201** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1201. Disposition of fees.**

(1) All fees received and collected under this part shall be transmitted daily to the state treasurer.

(2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (4), and (6), and [~~Subsections 41-1a-408(7), (8), (13), (14), (15), (16), (18), and (19)~~] Section 41-1a-422, and in Section 41-1a-1220, all fees collected under this part shall be deposited in the Transportation Fund.

(3) (a) Funds generated under Subsections 41-1a-1211(1)(a), (7)(a), and (8) and Section 41-1a-1212 may be used by the commission as a dedicated credit to cover the costs incurred in issuing license plates under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia.

(b) Funds collected under Subsections 41-1a-1211(3), (5)(b), and (5)(c), less the actual cost incurred by the division in purchasing decals for special group license plates, shall be deposited in the Transportation Fund.

(c) Fees for statehood centennial license plates shall be collected and deposited in the Transportation Fund, less production and administrative costs incurred by the commission.

~~[(d) Fees for Olympic special group license plates shall be collected and deposited as provided under Section 41-1a-417.]~~

(4) All funds available to the commission for purchase and distribution of license plates and decals are nonlapsing.

(5) Except as provided in Subsection (3) and Section 41-1a-1205, the expenses of the commission in enforcing and administering this part shall be provided for by legislative appropriation from the revenues of the Transportation Fund.

(6) The following portions of the registration fees imposed under Section 41-1a-1206 for each vehicle shall be deposited in the Centennial Highway Fund created under Section 72-2-118:

(a) \$10 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a), (1)(b), (2), and (5);

(b) \$1 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii), and (1)(d)(ii);

(c) \$2 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(ii);

(d) \$3 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(d)(i); and

(e) \$4.50 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(i).

Section 11. Section **41-1a-1209** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1209. Exemptions from registration fees -- Vintage vehicle information renewal.**

(1) A fee may not be charged for the registration of ambulances, law enforcement vehicles, fire engines, and passenger cars and trucks owned and used by the United States government or by the state of Utah or any of its political subdivisions.

(2) A fee may not be charged municipal corporations for the issuance of any certificate of

title or registration or a duplicate certificate of title or registration.

~~[(3) An annual renewal of registration is not required for a vintage vehicle but registration information for vintage vehicle special group license plates must be updated every five years.]~~

Section 12. Section **41-1a-1211 (Effective 10/01/02)** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1211 (Effective 10/01/02). License plate fees -- Application fees for issuance and renewal of personalized and special group license plates -- Replacement fee for license plates -- Postage fees.**

(1) A license plate fee of \$5 per set shall be paid to the division for the issuance of any new license plate under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia, except for license plates issued under ~~[Sections]~~ Section 41-1a-407 ~~[and 41-1a-417]~~. The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

(a) \$4 as provided in Section 41-1a-1201; and

(b) \$1 in the Transportation Fund.

(2) An applicant for original issuance of personalized license plates issued under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate application fee in addition to the fee required in Subsection (1).

(3)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (3)(c), applicants for original issuance of special group license plates issued under Section ~~[41-1a-408]~~ 41-1a-418 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate application fee in addition to the fee required under Subsection (1).

(b) A person who qualifies for a licensed amateur radio operator or search and rescue team special group license plate shall pay a \$5 fee for the original set of license plates in addition to the fee required under Subsection (1).

(c) A person who qualifies for legislative, United States Congressional, person with a disability, collegiate, veterans', wildlife, National Guard, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Survivor of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor, firefighter, children's issues, snowmobile, soil conservation, Boy Scouts of America, spay and neuter, farm vehicle, emergency medical technician, or clean fuel special group license plates is exempt from payment of special group license plate application fees imposed under this Subsection (3).

(4) An applicant for original issuance of personalized special group license plates shall pay the license plate application fees required in Subsection (2) in addition to the license plate fees and license plate application fees established under Subsections (1) and (3).

(5) The following application fees for renewal of personalized and special group license plates shall be paid to the division at the time of renewal of registration:

(a) an applicant for renewal of personalized license plates issued under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee;

(b) except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), an applicant for renewal of special group license plates issued under Section ~~[41-1a-408]~~ 41-1a-418 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee; and

(c) an applicant for renewal of legislative, United States Congressional, person with a disability, collegiate, wildlife, National Guard, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Survivor of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor, farm vehicle, vintage vehicle, firefighter, children's issues, snowmobile, soil conservation, Boy Scouts of America, spay and neuter, emergency medical technician, search and rescue team, clean fuel, or licensed amateur radio operator special group license plates is exempt from payment of application fees imposed under Subsection (5)(b).

(6) An applicant for renewal of personalized special group license plates shall pay the application fee required in Subsection (5)(a) in addition to the applicable application fees for renewal of license plates established under Subsections (5)(b) and (5)(c).

(7) A fee of \$5 shall be paid to the division for the replacement of any license plate issued under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia. The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

(a) \$4 as provided in Section 41-1a-1201; and

(b) \$1 in the Transportation Fund.

(8) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 to recover its costs for the replacement of decals issued under Section ~~[41-1a-408]~~ 41-1a-418.

(9) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 to recover the cost of issuing stickers under Section 41-1a-416.

(10) In addition to any other fees required by this section, the division shall assess a fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 to cover postage expenses if new or replacement license plates are mailed to the applicant.

(11) The fees required under this section are separate from and in addition to registration fees required under Section 41-1a-1206.

~~[(12) For vehicles with registration years expiring on or before June 30, 2002, applicants~~

for original Olympic special group license plates or renewal of registration with Olympic special group license plates shall pay the fees required under Section 41-1a-417.]

Section 13. Section **41-1a-1218** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1218. Uninsured motorist identification fee for tracking motor vehicle insurance -- Exemption -- Deposit.**

(1) (a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the applicant shall pay an uninsured motorist identification fee of \$1 on each motor vehicle.

(b) A commercial vehicle registered as part of a fleet under Section 41-1a-222 or Section 41-1a-301, is exempt from the uninsured motorist identification fee required by this section.

(c) A motor vehicle that is exempt from the registration fee under Section 41-1a-1209 or Subsection 41-1a-419(3) is also exempt from the uninsured motorist identification fee required by this section.

(2) The revenue generated under this section shall be deposited in the Uninsured Motorist Identification Restricted Account created in Section 41-12a-806.

Section 14. Section **71-8-4** is amended to read:

**71-8-4. Veterans' Advisory Council -- Membership -- Duties and responsibilities -- Per diem and expenses.**

(1) There is created a Veterans' Advisory Council whose purpose is to advise the director of the Division of Veterans' Affairs on issues relating to veterans.

(2) The council shall consist of eleven voting members and one nonvoting member, designated as follows:

(a) five members appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms:

(i) four veterans at large; and

(ii) a representative from the Office of the Governor;

(b) the director of the VA Health Care System or his designee;

(c) the director of the VA Benefits Administration Regional Office in Salt Lake City, or his designee;

(d) a representative from the Veterans' Memorial Park Board for the duration of his appointment to the board;

(e) the commanders or their designees of the three largest veterans service organizations

in the state. Their terms shall last as long as they hold the required office; and

(f) the director shall be a nonvoting member of the council.

(3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), as terms of current council members expire, the governor shall appoint each new or reappointed member to a four-year term commencing on July 1.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3)(a), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of council members are staggered so that approximately half of the members appointed by the governor are appointed every two years.

(4) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the governor shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term within 60 days of receiving notice.

(5) Members appointed by the governor may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(6) (a) Any veterans' group or veteran may provide the director with a list of recommendations for members on the council.

(b) The director shall provide the governor with the list of recommendations for members to be appointed to the council.

(c) The governor shall make final appointments to the council by June 30 of any year in which appointments are to be made under this chapter.

(7) The council shall elect a chair from among its members every two years. The chair shall be a veteran.

(8) (a) The council shall meet at least once every quarter.

(b) The director of the Division of Veterans' Affairs may convene additional meetings, as necessary.

(9) The division shall provide staff to the council.

(10) Six voting members are a quorum for the transaction of business.

(11) The council shall:

(a) solicit input concerning veterans issues from veterans' groups throughout the state;

(b) report issues received to the director of the Division of Veterans' Affairs and make recommendations concerning them;

(c) keep abreast of federal developments that affect veterans locally and advise the director of them; and

683 (d) approve, by a majority vote, the use of monies generated from veterans' license plates  
684 under Section [~~41-1a-408~~] 41-1a-422 for veterans' programs.

685 (12) (a) Members shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may  
686 receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the  
687 rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

688 (b) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

689 Section 15. **Repealer.**

690 This act repeals:

691 Section **41-1a-226, Vintage vehicle -- Signed statement -- Registration certificate.**

692 Section **41-1a-408 (Effective 10/01/02), Special group plates -- Design -- Application**  
693 **--Issuance.**

694 Section **41-1a-408 (Superseded 10/01/02), Special group plates -- Design -- Application**  
695 **--Issuance.**

696 Section **41-1a-409, Evidence of Purple Heart - Special group plate designs.**

697 Section **41-1a-417, Olympic license plates -- Fees -- Design.**